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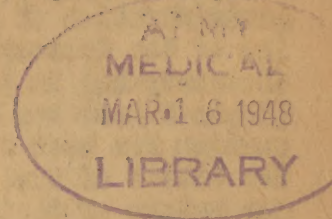
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Note: This bulletin serves as a letter of transmittal by which the charts listed below are distributed to Welfare Officers of the Military Government Teams and Regions and, in addition, supplements TB-PH-ADM-3, February 1948, Section I, concerning Administration of Health, Welfare and Social Insurance in Japan.

1. Charts of Coverage, Benefits, Financing and Administration.

The six charts enclosed are titled as follows with respect to Japanese social insurances:

- a. Classes of Population and Applicable Programs.
- b. Coverage Provisions.
- c. Financing.
- d. Administration.
- e. Benefits for Workers in Private Employment.
- f. Benefits for Government Workers.



This bulletin will be followed at a later date by another bulletin containing a discussion of the social insurance laws in greater detail and tracing the historical development of the various programs in Japan.

2. Social Insurance Programs of Japan.

The enclosed charts have been designed to serve as a condensed analysis for ready reference with respect to the provisions of the following social insurance programs:

- a. Health Insurance.
- b. National Health Insurance.

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- c. Welfare Pension Insurance.
- d. Workmen's Accident Compensation Insurance.
- e. Seamen's Insurance.
- f. Unemployment (Allowances and) Insurance.
- g. Government Pension System.
- h. Government Personnel Mutual Aid Societies.
- i. Government Enterprise Mutual Aid Societies.
- j. Workmen's Accident Compensation for Government Employees.
- k. Separation Allowances for Government Employees.

3. Administrative Reorganization.

Reference is made to TB-PH-ADM-3, February 1948, Section I, concerning Administration of Health, Welfare and Social Insurance in Japan. Since the writing of the description of the current organization of the Insurance Bureau (Hoken-kyoku) in the Ministry of Welfare, the administration of Seamen's Insurance (Senin Hoken) has been withdrawn from the Pension Section (Nenkin-ka) and a new section has been created to assume responsibility for that program. In addition, the titles of several of the sections have been revised to reflect more clearly the nature of their respective duties. The following organization has resulted:

- a. General Affairs Section (Shomu-ka) retains the same title.
- b. Insurance Section (Hoken-ka) changed to Health Insurance Section (Kenko Hoken-ka).
- c. National Insurance Section (Kokumin Hoken-ka) changed to National Health Insurance Section (Kokumin Kenko Hoken-ka).
- d. Pension Section (Nenkin-ka) changed to Welfare Pension Insurance Section (Kosai Nenkin Hoken-ka) and relieved of responsibility for Seamen's Insurance.
- e. Seamen's Insurance Section (Senin Hoken-ka) created to administer Seamen's Insurance.

Enclosures (6) charts.